
ENVIRONMENTAL Fact Sheet



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Financial Assistance Available to New Hampshire Public Water Systems

This fact sheet provides introductory information regarding loan and grant programs that may be available to New Hampshire public water systems.

Typically there are a number of eligibility criteria for these loan and grant. As might be expected, there are more applicants for grant money than there is grant money available. Often the criteria for prioritizing applications is that the project have a direct public health benefit or is required by the Safe Drinking Water Act. In addition, grants are often awarded based on demonstrated financial hardship as measured by very high water rates when compared to the median household income of the service area. Many of these programs have specific goals and a narrow range of eligibility. Major agencies and their mailing addresses are shown and repeated on the [more comprehensive list attached](#).

Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration)

These federal funds are awarded by the Department of Agriculture for improvements to publicly owned drinking water facilities.

United States Department of Agriculture
10 Ferry Street, PO Box 317
Concord, NH 03301
Contact: Gregg MacPherson, Scott Johnson
(603) 223-6035

Community Development Block Grant Program

These are federal funds that are awarded by the Office of State Planning.

NH Community Development Finance Authority
14 Dixon Avenue
Concord, NH 03301
Contact: Gloria Paradise
(603) 226-2170

Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Program

These are federal loan funds administered by DES. See fact sheet WD-DWGB-17-3 "Disadvantaged System Program" for an overview of the application process and eligibility criteria.

NH Department of Environmental Services
Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau
PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095
Contact: Richard Skarinka
(603) 271-2948

Water Supply Land Grant Program

These state funds provide grants to municipalities or non-profits water suppliers for the purchase of land or conservation easements critical to maintaining or improving their water quality.

NH Department of Environmental Services
Water Supply Land Grant Program
PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095
Contact: Holly Green
(603) 271-3114

Local Water Protection Grants

These grant funds are available to water suppliers, municipalities, regional planning commissions, conservation districts and non-profit organizations to develop and implement programs to protect active or planned sources of public drinking water. Projects must contain a delineation, assessment and/or implementation component of a source water protection project. Applicants can receive up to \$20,000 per project.

NH Department of Environmental Services
Drinking Water Source Protection Program
PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095
Contact: Johnna McKenna
(603) 271-7017

For Additional Information

Please contact the Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau at (603) 271-2513 or dwgbinfo@des.state.nh.us or visit our website at www.des.nh.gov/dwgb. All of the bureau's fact sheets are on-line at www.des.nh.gov/dwg.htm.

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